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PATENT

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Title: METHOD FOR REGISTERING A BIOMETRIC FOR USE WITH A SMARTCARD-READER SYSTEM	

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on January 27, 2005, wherein this Reply is filed with a three-month request for extension of time, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.